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Applicant: Haixiang Liang

Title: CATEGORIZATION OF IMPAIRMENTS AFFECTING A  
COMMUNICATION CHANNEL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 6, line 23, add “,” after “executable”.

On page 18, line 4, delete “training”.

On page 23, line 28, replace “L<sub>c</sub>,” with --L<sub>c</sub>-1;--.

On page 27, line 8, delete “defined”.

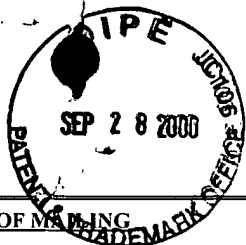
On page 27, line 26, delete “may arise”.

REMARKS

No new matter has been added. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

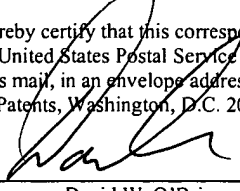
If the Examiner has any questions, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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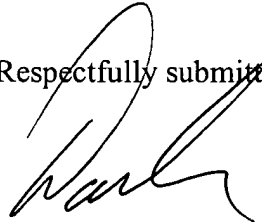
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